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HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

The "SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch" was still active through the month of October when the weather allowed. Unfortunately there is nothing special to report except that on my last visit to Westfield / Barnes (BAF) I received a ten cent per gallon discount off their already low priced fuel for spending at least \$20 at the restaurant. This was at the Air Flyte Executive Terminal. They are always very friendly and professional. Our Thursday evening flights will be coming to an end soon until next spring as the clocks turn back and the temperature drops. On Saturday, the 30th, there was an FAA safety seminar about winter weather held at SFZ. Even though the FAA did not advertise this seminar, the attendance was very good thanks to word of mouth in our little community. Speaking of good attendance, we had a real good turn out at the RIPA Harvest Hanger Party this year. Thanks go out to Gary & Gail St. Germaine for hosting our party again. The potluck menu was delicious and plentiful as usual. It's always nice to see everyone having a good time. If you weren't there you should have been. Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira



The gang at the Harvest Hangar Party

pix/FrankO

Greenville Seaplane Fly

I know Franko wrote about the Greenville Seaplane Fly in the last newsletter but I thought I would share some of my observations about this event. No doubt from a different perspective than my loyal and faithful companion.

Several of the RIPA folks drive up to this event, Jack Crouse being one of them. I drove up with him last year in his Audi A-8. I do not know if Audi makes an A Plus edition, but if they did, Jack would have one. This car was better equipped than Lovin' Life Levin's Toboggan. Jack's car even has a radar detector that detects other radar. I doubt his Boeing 767 had that much radar. It may have even had sonar, I swear we were tracking the "Red October" up the Penobscot River into Maine. I wish I could have gone up this year with him, he is a terrific driver at speeds in excess of 140 knots. No, instead I went with Franko. He needs a refresher in VFR/MVFR/IFR flying. The first leg of the trip in his Cardinal was ok, but the second half was like flying with Helen Keller at the yoke. One hand out the window to feel for treetops and road gravel, the other on the throttle. It took two Rum and Cokes to relax my butt cheeks.

The rest of the weekend was pure fun with the usual cast of characters. Myron Mitchell showed up with his Lake seaplane. I heard he took Rene for a ride, but made him sit in the right seat. Now Rene knows what it is like to pant out the window and not touch the controls. Rumor has it he jumped in the back seat and curled up for a nap. The old guy Ken from the FAA was there, but I think he has a new job as a Bud Light distributor. Everywhere he went, he sampled a few. What a nice guy. Then there was Booonnaaaannnnzzzzaaa Carroll who flew up with Ryan Farley. Paul figured he would save on gas by leaving his 39 gallon per hour guzzler home. Ryan's 172 only burns like 3 an hour. Little did Paul know that SFZ to Greenville in a 172 takes 13 hours and 4 comfort stops. A surprise visitor this weekend was the good Rene, Roy that is. He had a sweet puppy named Daisy May. Said she was a chick magnet. All I saw it attract was overweight Harley guys with long hair and chaps on. I guess you could make that mistake from behind. ONCE!

One of my favorite events is watching the planes land at the land base. I got Dave, Beth and Franko to come up with me Saturday morning to see the circus. They come in from everywhere, all runways up for grabs. It is really organized chaos. One pilot turned off the runway to park close to where we were sitting. We moved quickly but he seemed to be fixated on us. I thought I had a "follow me" sign stuck to my shirt. Or maybe he was just fixating on Beth. What a scramble. The rest of the day we all spent watching the seaplane events. Adrian and his better half Jan were there. I think Adrian was under the weather though. He had a hooded shirt, pulled up tight over his face. I did not recognize him at first as I thought he looked like a character from the new Harry Potter movie.

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MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
October 12, 2010

Beth Tetreault, Vice President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance we observed a moment of silence. There were 48 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$1506.45 in the General Fund and \$2981.18 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

- Steve Nelson earned his Instrument Rating.
- The RI Aviation Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held on October 23rd. Members are invited to attend.
- A public hearing on the new state regulations proposed by RIAC will be held on October 14 at 1:00 at TF Green. Members are asked to attend and air their views.
- The annual Harvest Hangar Party 10/29 at Gary St Germaine's, Corporate Air Hangar is seeking volunteers to set up.

The slate of officers presented was Bill Weedon, Vice President; Beth Tetreault, Treasurer and Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary. There were no nominations for President or Secretary. The board will attempt to fill out the remaining offices. Steve Nelson volunteered as membership chairman.

Paul Carroll is named RIPA's Airman of The Year. The award will be presented at the December 14, 2010 meeting

Door Prize winners include: John Holmander, Kathy Kelly, Bill Williams, Pat Andraka, Jim Terry, Barbara Nelson, Garrett Scanlon, Sally Terry, Dave Czerwonka and Sue Nerone
Twenty Week club winners are Ann Crudale, Myron Mitchell, Liam Doyle and Ron Smith

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

Phil finished his Xmas shopping at the arts and craft festival and then joined us for the rest of the day. A big surprise, yes bigger than Good Rene, was John Sulyma and his lovely bride Paula. I must admit I did not expect to see another Booonnnannzzza driver there as Paul C protects that dominion. But where Paul goes, so go others. John said he found the landing pattern at Greenville a little busy.

To the delight of all, the weather was great and Rollover Rene's cookout a success as expected. He is truly a dedicated host. Thanks from all who crashed there. If you have not been to the Seaplane Fly In consider joining us next year.
The Hound

eMAIL BAG

Changes in rules proposed by RIAC caused concern for RIPA members since our liaison was not notified. Many members attended the 10/14 meeting and aired their concerns and AOPA was notified... EDITOR

Noah Forden

<http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/articles/2010/101027riac.html>
AOPA has notified the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) that its proposed aeronautics regulations include numerous provisions that exceed the state's jurisdiction, intrude on private property rights, or impose paperwork burdens that could expose pilots to identity theft.

RIAC, a quasi-governmental agency, acts as the state's aeronautics agency and operates seven of the eight public landing areas in Rhode Island—six airports and a helicopter facility. Under state law, RIAC has jurisdiction and "statutory duty to adopt and enforce rules and regulations to protect the safety of persons operating or using aircraft and persons and property on the ground and to develop and promote aeronautics within Rhode Island." It also wields authority to "promulgate rules and regulations for the safe and efficient operation of airports, airport facilities and grounds."

RIAC announced the regulatory proposals on Aug. 17, 2010.

Greg Pecoraro, AOPA Vice President of Airports and State Advocacy, expressed concern in a letter to the RIAC that the agency "appears to be attempting to preempt federal regulations and promulgate other proposed rules that may have unintended consequences."

Commenting on ten individual sections of the proposed regulations, Pecoraro urged the state agency to first see that the "appropriate offices of the FAA be asked to review them from a compliance standpoint."

Of the sections he listed, one called for the owner of a private landing field to notify local police and fire officials 24 hours "prior to the date and time of each use or operation at the Landing Field." AOPA viewed that requirement "as a gross intrusion into the use of private property and contrary to common sense," he said.

Another provision, for RIAC personnel making aircraft inspections, prompted Pecoraro to ask, in the Oct. 22 letter to Peter A. Frazier, RIAC's general counsel, "Do they have the training and understanding of aircraft to conduct any type of inspection outside of paperwork? If not, AOPA suggests that operational inspection of aircraft be left to the FAA's Flight Standards Inspectors who are specifically trained to conduct these types of inspections, and are charged with this responsibility under federal regulations."

A proposed section regulating ultralight aircraft "can be boiled down to one sentence" that ultralights flying in Rhode Island should comply with the federal aviation regulations, he wrote.

Other provisions seemed to suggest that "RIAC is using the aircraft registration process to impose an insurance requirement on all aircraft based in Rhode Island," for which AOPA finds no authority, or contained paperwork requirements that could expose pilots to identity theft, he said. After the RIAC reviews all comments, a revised set of regulations will be posted. After 30 days, those regulations will become state law, Pecoraro said.

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www.RIPilots.com/join.

NOTAMS

BOARD MEETING

Our search for a Presidential candidate and Secretary goes on. We ask for input on this matter from members. Membership renewal will be mailed in November.

FOODBASKET

This month is Thanksgiving and we will be collecting for our annual food basket. Please bring a nonperishable food to the meeting.

RIPA JACKETS

Jackets with the RIPA emblem are available from Rene Cardon. He can take your orders for the jacket or another article of clothing that can have the association emblem applied.

To join the Fly to Lunch Bunch, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

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MEETING NOTICE

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Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner

Place: Chelo's in Warwick
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500ft on right

Buffet of:

Chef Carved Turkey & Gravy
Corn Bread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,
Butternut Squash, Green Beans, Baked
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Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$25 per person

\$45 per couple

\$5 just coffee and dessert

PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

Feel free to join us by 8:00pm if you wish to attend just the meeting. There is a \$5.00 charge if you would like just coffee and dessert.

Members wishing to fly into PVD can call any Board Member to arrange transportation to and from the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

November - Tom DiTraglia Pad4GA
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EVENTS SCHEDULE

November 9 - Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

Food Basket Donations

November 23- Board Meeting

November 27 = Safety Seminar SFZ

December 14 – Holiday Gala

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Air Man of the Year Award**

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